

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application. Additions are identified by underlining. Deletions are indicated by ~~strike through~~ or [brackets].

1. (Currently Amended) A context-based retrieval method, comprising:
storing information associated with subscribers and usable to determine contexts associated with an information request;
~~storing contact information;~~
receiving from a requester an information request including identifying information associated with the a requester;
comparing the requester identifying information to the information associated with subscribers to determine whether the requester is one of the subscribers for which information has been stored;
determining a context for the information request when it is determined that the requester is one of the subscribers for which information has been stored, wherein the context is determined based at least in part on the information associated with subscribers, including at least one of incoming calls to the requester and outgoing calls by the requester; and
providing the requester with a response to the information request, the response selected from ~~the~~ stored contact information based on a condition associated with the determined context for the request.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the requester identifying information is determined using a caller ID lookup.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the information associated with ~~one of the~~ subscribers includes a geographic location information.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the context for the information request includes receiving signaling information from a voice network.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing a response comprises:
determining whether a user is authorized to receive the response; and
providing the response based on a result of the determination.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for performing a context based query to find information in a directory for a destination, comprising:
~~receiving information identifying a user;~~
receiving a query request to find information for the destination from ~~a~~ the user;
determining a context for the query request using previously stored information associated with the user, including at least one of incoming calls to the user and outgoing calls to the user;
obtaining information in the directory related to the destination based on the query request and the context of the query request; and
providing the obtained information regarding the destination to the user,
wherein the context for the query request corresponds to a geographic location of the user.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein obtaining information in the directory, comprises:
determining a plurality of candidates stored in the directory satisfying the query request destination; and
determining at least one of the plurality of candidates being consistent with the context of the query request; ~~and~~
~~determining the destination corresponding to the candidate consistent with the context of the query request.~~

8. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for context-based retrieval, comprising:
a first storage system for storing information associated with subscribers and usable to determine contexts associated with an information request;
a second storage system for storing contact information;

a receiver for receiving from a requester the information request including identifying information associated with the requester;

a processor for comparing the requester identifying information to the information associated with subscribers to determine whether the requester is one of the subscribers for which information has been stored, and for determining ~~to determine~~ a context for the request when it is determined that the requester is one of the subscribers for which information has been stored, wherein the context is determined based at least in part on the information associated with subscribers, including at least one of incoming calls to the requester and outgoing calls by the requester; and

a transmitter for providing the requester with a response to the information request, the response selected from the stored contact information [,] based on a condition associated with the determined context for the request.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the requester identifying information is determined using a caller ID lookup.

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the information associated with ~~one of the~~ subscribers includes ~~a~~ geographic location information.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the processor is configured to receive signaling information from a voice network.

12. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the transmitter is configured to provide the response when the requester user is authorized and the processor is configured to determine whether the requester is authorized to receive the response.

13. (Currently Amended) A system for context-based retrieval, comprising:
means for storing information associated with subscribers and usable to determine contexts associated with an information request;
~~means for storing contact information;~~

means for receiving from a requester the information request including identifying information associated with the requester;

means for comparing the requester identifying information to determine whether the requester is one of the subscribers for which information has been stored;

means for determining a context for the request when it is determined that the requester is one of the subscribers for which information has been stored, wherein the context is determined based at least in part on the information associated with subscribers, including at least one of incoming calls to the requester and outgoing calls by the requester; and

means for providing the requester with a response to the information request, the response selected from the stored contact information [,] based on a condition associated with the determined context for the request.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the requester identifying information is determined using a caller ID lookup.

15. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the information associated with one of the subscribers includes a geographic location information.

16. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the means for determining the context for the information request includes means for receiving signaling information from a voice network.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein means for providing the requester with a response comprises:

means for determining whether the requester is authorized to receive the response; and

means for providing the response when the requester ~~user~~ is authorized.

18. – 22. (Cancelled)

23. (New) A computer readable medium storing instructions that, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform the method of claim 1.

24. (New) A method, comprising:

- receiving an information request from a requester, the information request including query parameters;
- comparing requester identifying information to previously stored subscriber information to determine whether the requester is a service subscriber;
- determining a context for the information request when it is determined that the requester is a service subscriber, wherein the context is determined based at least in part on the previously stored subscriber information, and wherein the context indicates a geographic location associated with the requester;
- searching stored contact information using the query parameters and the context to identify matching contact information of the stored contact information;
- providing a response to the requester, the response including the matching contact information.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the requester identifying information is obtained using a caller ID lookup.

26. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein receiving the information request from the requester includes:

- receiving a message from the requester over a data network from a terminal associated with the requester.

27. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein providing the response to the requester includes:

- sending a message to the requester over a data network to a terminal associated with the requester.